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HISTORY OF PHI SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY

Kenneth G. Hawver, Beta Beta, '25

The group of staunch and loyal friends who founded Phi Sigma Phi entered Miami University in the fall of 1921. From their associations during their Freshman year, a close friendship was formed among this group, and when they returned to school in the following fall they secured rooms in adjoining houses, so that they might be together. During the early part of that year, these friendships grew even closer until finally they agreed to regularize their mutual friendship and devotion by establishing themselves as the nucleus of a new fraternity. Although there were already eleven fraternities existing on the campus at that time, these men had the determination and zeal to take this step.

At first, there were nine men, Andrew W. Kincaid, Reuben H. Dickman, Howard S. Marts, Roland D. Francis, Kenneth G. Hawver, Earl D. Chambers, E. John Pierce, Clemeth A. Shiflet and Richard F. Kramlich, who decided to form the new fraternity. Two months later, five other under-graduates, Robert U. Pearce, J. Wylie Fetherlin, Myron T. Potter, J. Eugene Cameron, and Harry L. Kauffman, were accepted as charter members of the new organization. After several secret meetings and much discussion in each other's rooms, the name Phi Sigma Phi was adopted, and committees were appointed to draw up a constitution, and a ritual, to design a badge and a coat of arms, and to purchase a house. The work of these committees was faithfully carried out during the summer vacation.

At the beginning of the school term in the fall of 1923, the active chapter of Phi Sigma Phi Fraternity came into existence at Miami University. At this time it occupied its own house, which was located one block from the campus, for the first time. No one had known of the existence of the fraternity until then. Upon its

Chapter House, Beta Beta, Oxford, Ohio

introduction on the campus, it was immediately recognized in all activities and highly complimented upon its accomplishments.

The fourteen men had set up brotherly love, morality, and good fellowship as the standard for their fraternity, and began at once to strengthen their organization by bringing together men who came up to their ideal of manhood.

The original intent of the founders was not to petition a national fraternity for a charter, but rather to concentrate their efforts for several years, at least, in laying a solid foundation and building up a very strong local fraternity, and much was accomplished toward this end. By the end of the year, however, they began to realize the many values and benefits to be derived by being a national fraternity, and decided to affiliate themselves with some national organization which had similar standards and ideals.

In the fall of 1923, Phi Sigma Phi sent representatives to the Inter-local Fraternity Conference in order to gain information valuable to the operations of local fraternities. While in New York, these men became acquainted with several of the founders of Theta Upsilon Omega. They brought back the report that they had formed acquaintances with the founders of a new fraternity whose ideals were very similar to those of Phi Sigma Phi. They were very enthusiastic about the new national fraternity and, of course, aroused a great deal of discussion about it. The general consensus of opinion in the fraternity at that time was that they should not affiliate themselves with a national fraternity while still so young. So no action was taken on the matter that year.

It was decided in the fall of 1924 that Phi Sigma Phi should petition Theta Upsilon Omega, and accordingly, representatives were again sent to the Inter-local Fraternity Conference with the purpose of better acquaint-

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HISTORY OF MIAMI UNIVERSITY

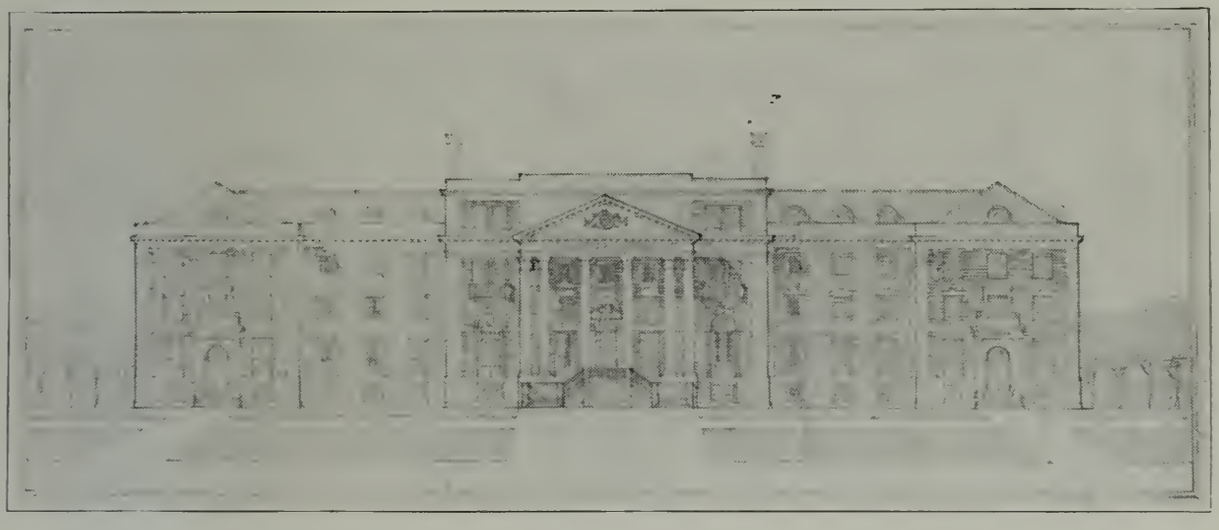
Odis E. Moy, Beta Beta, '25

Miami University was founded as an institution of higher learning under the Federal Land Grant Act of 1787. It was formally instituted and named by an act of the Legislature of Ohio in 1809, and the site of the university was located at the village of Oxford one year later. Originally the university grounds consisted of 151 acres of land, about half of which is still thickly wooded. There are 35 acres now developed or being developed as playgrounds and athletic fields. Subsequent purchases have amounted to 90 acres of land. Owing to the lack of sufficient funds the actual beginning of collegiate instruction was delayed until 1824. The enrollment at the formal opening of the university in the fall of the year numbered eighty young men, who found it necessary to keep themselves armed and guarded constantly against the scattered Indians that still roamed the unsettled district about the little college.

Entrance to Campus

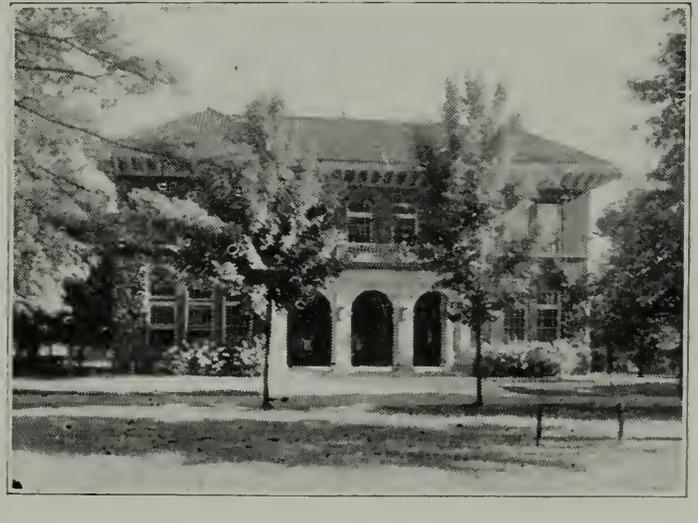
The school has been in operation continuously since that time with the exception of a short period following the Civil War (1873-1885). Miami has always fostered manhood and those qualities which send forth its graduates to successful and worthwhile lives. The college has always experienced a steady growth. In 1887 women were admitted to the College of Liberal Arts, and since 1902 the university has included a Teachers' College, established by the state. The Teachers' College Building houses, in conjunction with the college, both a graded school and a high school, where the students may obtain

practical experience in teaching under the supervision of the teachers employed by the university. A course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science was inaugurated in 1914. In 1924 the School of Business Administration was added, and the Music courses greatly enlarged. At present about 1600 students are enrolled in the university.



Ogden Hall

Miami is now in the midst of an immense building program, having completed in the last year: an addition to the library, doubling its size; Ogden Hall, reputed to be the finest and most up-to-date dormitory for men in the state, also used as an activity center for men; a new hospital; and the first of a series of dormitories for Freshmen. There is under construction at the present time an addition to the Teachers' College Building, a large recitation hall for the use of the Liberal Arts College, and an Industrial Arts building.



Auditorium

Among nationally known educators who are connected with the university are R. M. Hughes, President; E. E. Bran-

don, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; H. C. Minnich, Dean of the Teachers College; and E. S. Todd, Director of the School of Business Administration.

"Old Miami" has always been noted for her wonderful school spirit, her athletic teams, debating teams, her democracy, and her scholastic standards. Miami is a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference, and her teams have always commanded the highest respect of the other members of the Conference, both because of their ability and sportsmanship.

Main Building

One thing which all Miami students feel justly proud of is their Student Government and Honor System. Miami was one of the pioneers in this movement, and has always found that it works well. The students are organized into a body known as the Student Forum, which has its own constitution and also an executive body known as the Student Senate. The members of this governing body represent the students in all problems brought up before them and report them in Forum meetings, which are held weekly during a chapel period. The members of the Student Senate are elected by popular vote of the student body from the different classes.

All scholastic work is done under the Honor System. All students upon entering the university pledge them-

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THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Lyle W. Ohlander, Eta Alpha

The second convocation of the Arch Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega, called in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, was held in the chapter house of Epsilon Alpha Chapter, at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2 and 3, 1925. Delegates from the various chapters began to arrive as early as December 31, and during the following day work on various committees was begun as a preliminary to the Convocation. The Executive Council was called early in the morning of January 2 and lasted until noon. The first session of the Arch Chapter was called to order with proper ritual at 2:30 p.m.

Brother Thomas R. MacFarland, Jr., master of the host chapter, made official welcome to the members and officers of the Arch Chapter. Arch Master Cowden thanked him for the courtesy of his chapter. In his opening speech Brother Cowden stressed the fact that the chapters should realize more and more that they are now members of a national organization, and no longer individual local groups, and he urged the chapters to become more closely associated, that individuals visit other chapters, all leading to closer co-operation and harmony in the organization.

During the reports of the Arch Officers, Brother Arch Ritualist Weston suggested, and the suggestion was adopted later, that there be organized in each chapter a degree team made up entirely of alumni who shall continue as the degree team from year to year, and thus become very efficient exponents of the degree.

Following the reports of the Arch Officers, the delegates made reports of conditions and activities in their various chapters, of the effect produced on their campuses in their becoming member bodies of a national organization. There was a considerable exchange of ideas as to running of houses, mangement of finances, social ac-

tivities, etc. The evening of January 2 was devoted to committee work and a meeting of the Arch Council, lasting to the historic midnight hour and even later.

The Convocation resumed its business early the next morning, and many of the suggestions of the previous day were considered, and acted upon. It was voted that the expenses of the delegates attending the Convocation should be prorated, and each chapter, except the host chapter, bear a share of the total expense. In this way the burden would not rest upon those chapters who have to send delegates great distances to the Convocation.

The Resolutions Committee made a special report during this session in the nature that a message of congratulations be sent to Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity which was holding its Convention at that time, and the message was accordingly sent, by the will of the Arch Chapter. The financial conditions of the Fraternity were reported in excellent condition, and, on recommendation, a $1000 Pennsylvania Railroad Bond was secured as an investment of part of the sustaining fund.

During the afternoon session petitions from various local fraternities were received and considered. That of Phi Sigma Phi, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, was the first favorably acted upon. This fraternity, visited by Brother Arch Scribe Stevens, was strongly recommended by him as a fraternity well established, and well thought of by the University authorities. Affirmative action followed considerable discussion.

The petition of the Tilicum Club, of the University of California, Berkeley, California, was the second favorably acted upon. This chapter was founded in 1914, has its own chapter house, a strong active membership, represented in varsity teams and in the major school activities, and has a strong organized alumni association. This chapter was visited by Brother Arch Visitor Drenk, and highly recommended by him. University officials also gave the group very favorable comment. These two

admitted chapters are now Beta Beta Chapter, and Gamma Beta Chapter, respectively. Beta Beta Chapter was subsequently installed on February 21, 22, and Gamma Beta on March 3, 4. Arch Master Stevens and Brother C. R. Drenk officiated at both ceremonies.

Following the afternoon session the Arch Chapter adjourned to meet again at 8 p.m. at a formal banquet, given by the host chapter. During the banquet, speeches were made by the various Arch Officers and chapter delegates. The toastmaster, Brother W. H. Whitaker presided excellently.

The order of business during the banquet was the election of officers of the Arch Chapter. Brother James E. Stevens, the retiring Arch Scribe, and an associate member of Eta Alpha Chapter, was elected to the position of Arch Master. Brother A. J. Weston, Gamma Alpha Chapter, was continued unanimously as Arch Ritualist. Brother A. J. Knight, of Beta Alpha Chapter was elected as Arch Scribe. Brother Carey W. O'Nan, of Epsilon Alpha Chapter, was elected to succeed himself as Arch Recorder.

Brother Kenneth L. Cober, retiring Arch Editor, of Zeta Alpha Chapter, was elected Arch Visitor; and Brother Martin E. Jansson, of Delta Alpha Chapter, was elected Arch Editor.

Brother Merle C. Cowden, retiring Arch Master, of Beta Alpha Chapter, was given the only office that he would accept, that of Arch Chaplain. The posts of Junior Counsellor were filled by J. M. Appleby, present master of Kappa Alpha chapter, and its delegate to the Arch Convocation, and F. W. Copp, delegate of Delta Alpha chapter. Brother Hugh Nevin, a prominent bank official of Homestead, Pennsylvania, was elected chairman of the Finance Committee.

At the close of the banquet, Brother Weston, in a very effective speech, enumerating the achievements of Brother Cowden as Arch Master, and expressing the deep gratitude of the Fraternity for his work and services,

presented Brother Cowden with a loving cup in token of the fraternity's appreciation.

Resolutions were passed expressing the appreciation of the fraternity for the services of the retiring Arch Officers, one thanking Brother Charles F. Bird for his services as clerk of the Convocation, and another expressing the appreciation of the courtesy and services of the host chapter, especially Brother Schulzebarger, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The final session of the Convocation was held in the Epsilon Alpha chapter house, where the ritual was considered. A model initiation was given in order to demonstrate the working of the ritual. Pledge Brother Adrian F. Busick, of Eta Alpha Chapter, chosen because of his high scholastic record, was the initiate for the demonstration of the ritual. The Arch Chapter decided to accept the ritual of initiation as it stands for the year, and if changes or corrections are to be made, they will be made at the next Convocation.

Following this, the installation of the newly elected Arch Officers was the order of business. At the very stroke of midnight the new Arch Master was invested with his office. The other officers were installed in their turn. The official session of the Convocation came to an end with appropriate ritual though the members lingered afterwards to discuss achievements and ideas.

Those participants in this Second Convocation who had not started for home the next morning, attended in a body, the services of Dr. Russell Conwell, at the Baptist Temple. Dr. Conwell, prominent upon the lecture platform, is an honorary member of Theta Upsilon Omega, through Epsilon Alpha chapter. So the convocation came to an end. Much was done, and the outlook greatly strengthened.

THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ARCH COUNCIL

THE ARCH SCRIBE

Our new Arch Scribe is one of the most popular professors on the campus at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He has always been an enthusiastic worker for the fraternity and on some occasions has been well-nigh indispensible. His advice on matters concerning the business policies of his chapter is eagerly sought and is always sound. He is not fond of display, but is frequently thrown into the limelight on account of the positions he has held.

A. J. Knight

During the first twenty-two years of his existence, Brother A. J. Knight maneuvered through the Worcester graded and high schools, and in June 1907, received his B. S. degree in Civil Engineering at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The following three years were spent in railroad construction work on the Northern Pacific Railroad in Montana.

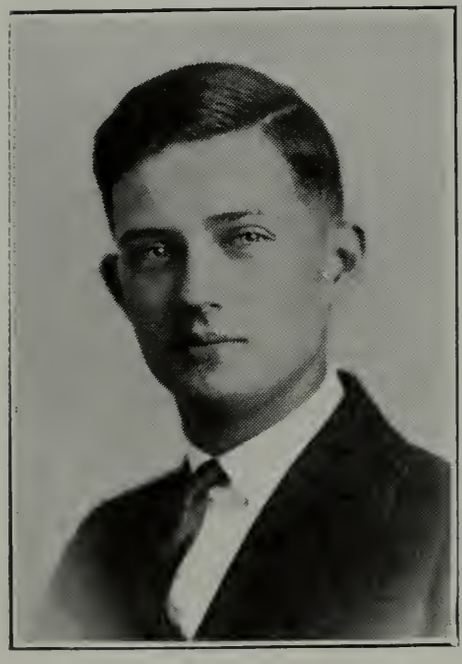
In September, 1910, he returned to his Alma Mater as Instructor in Civil Engineering, in 1906 being promoted to the grade of Assistant Professor, and the following year took on the added duties of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of the Institute. During these years, besides teaching nearly every course in the civil engineering department, at one time or another, and keeping track of the janitors, supplies, and repairs to the property of the Institute, he has been treasurer of the Athletic Association for five years.

On March 16, 1917, Brother Knight was taken into the Delta Tau fraternity, now Beta Alpha chapter of T. U. O.

and for the last five years has been scribe of its council. He is an Associate Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, and of Sigma Xi, having served the local chapter of that organization as treasurer and president.

Brother Knight comes from an old New England family and in March, 1909, was married to Miss Grace L. Harrington. There are now three Miss Knights who could obtain membership in the D. A. R. through either of their grandfathers or grandmothers.

THE ARCH EDITOR



M. E. Jansson

Brother Martin E. Jansson, while quiet and unobtrusive of nature, has probably already made himself known to the bulk of the fraternity through his frantic and exacting demands for material with which to fill these pages. The following biographical material will make good space-filler:

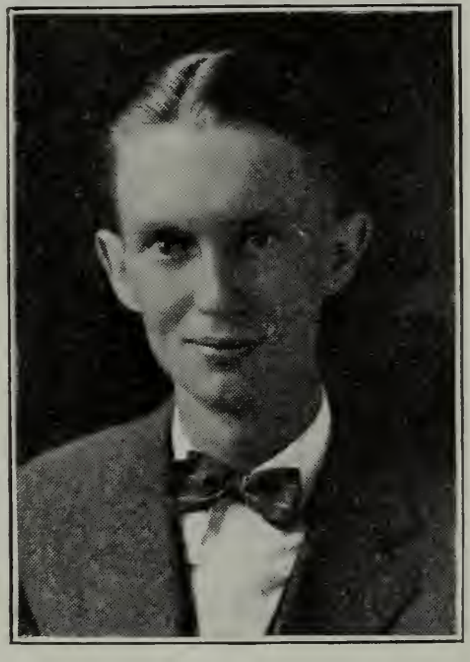
Brother Jansson was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 29, 1901, and spent most of his time in that city until 1916, when he moved to Winnetka, a suburb. His sojourn in the Windy City was interrupted by two trips to Europe of a year's duration each, one in 1904 and the other in 1912. In 1919 he entered the University of Illinois as a student of civil engineering and became affiliated with what is now the Delta Alpha chapter of T. U. O.

In the summer following his graduation in 1923 he married Miss Katherine Dennis, Phi Beta Kappa, the daughter of one of his civil engineering professors. She is now his first associate editor in the present work. They spent the winter of 1923-1924 in Carbondale, Illinois, where Brother Jansson was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad in its engineering department.

On June 1, 1924, they pulled up their stakes and set out on a trip to Europe. They spent an eventful summer in Paris, London, and the Scandinavian countries. Upon their return Brother Jansson became connected with the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission and is now located on dam and reservoir construction at Wanaque, N. J.

Brother Jansson has dabbled in journalism ever since his Junior year at high school. He was associate editor and business manager of his high school monthly publication on successive years. At the University of Illinois he worked a year as assistant on the staff of the Daily Illini and later was for three years identified with the Technograph, the engineering student publication, of which he became editor in his Senior year. He founded and edited for a year the Oak Leaves, the chapter paper of the Delta Alpha chapter.

JUNIOR COUNSELLOR



J. M. Appleby

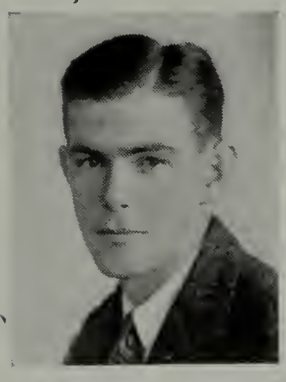
Brother James Mourning Appleby is our new Junior Counsellor hailing from the "sunny South." He is a man who has always been intensely interested in school activities. At the high school from which he graduated in Florence, Alabama, he was editor of the school paper.

Entering Davidson College in the fall of 1922, Brother Appleby was initiated into the Phi Alpha Pi, now Kappa Alpha of T. U. O., the following spring. He was elected master of that chapter last November and was also its delegate to the Convocation.

Though Brother Appleby is only a junior in college, he has been honored by election to membership in many organizations. He is a member of the Reporters Club, International Relations Club and recorder of the Gamma

Sigma Epsilon, national chemical fraternity. He is also a member of the committee on arrangements for the Easter Prom, and an assistant in the chemical department at Davidson College.

JUNIOR COUNSELLOR



F. W. Copp

Brother Fulton Watson Copp was born May 27, 1902, in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Northern High School of that city in 1920 and entered the University of Illinois in September of that year as a student in Railway Electrical Engineering.

Brother Copp was initiated into the Zeus Fraternity, now Delta Alpha chapter of T. U. O., in March, 1921. He was very active in numerous and varied undergraduate activities, being a member of the following committees: Dads' Day, 1923; Homecoming, 1923; Senior Memorial, 1924; and Senior Picnic, 1924. He held a major's rank in the cavalry at the University, was a member of Gymkhana committee, the Technograph staff, and Engineers' Day committee.

Brother Copp held the position of secretary of the Zeus Fraternity, and was its last president. He was graduated from the University in February, 1925, and is now taking post-graduate work there. He is a member of Officers' Reserve Corps 65th Cavalry Division, and a member of Theta Tau, professional engineering fraternity.

He that studies books alone, will know how things ought to be; and he that studies men, will know how things are.—COLTON.

OMEGAN BUSINESS MANAGER

L. W. Geisler

Brother Leo W. Geisler is not a member of the Arch Council, but he is never-the-less an important cog in the functioning of that part of that body which has to do with the Omegan. A few words about him will help to fix in your minds the man to whom you must send your money for your subscription renewals.

Brother Geisler entered Stevens Institute of Technology from the East Orange High School. In his sophomore year, he was admitted to Phi Kappa Pi Fraternity, now the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega.

Brother Geisler has been active in extra-curriculum activities. In his sophomore year, he was Assistant Manager of Baseball. The next year he was Assistant Cast Manager of the Varsity Show, in which he also played a minor part. That year he was elected House Manager and Chaplain of Phi Kappa Pi. As House Manager, he has had many opportunities to show his resourcefulness and sound judgment. This year he is Production Manager of the Varsity Show, a task which requires much conscientious work and ability.

As Business Manager of the Omegan, he will need the same qualities and his valuable gift of perseverance. We certainly expect to see his handiwork strongly manifested in the business matters of the Omegan for the coming year.

AN OPEN LETTER

From the Arch Master

Dear Brothers:

Through your representatives you have seen fit to raise me to a position of great honor, and I want to say with all the feeling of which I am capable, that I appreciate the confidence and trust which you have, by your act, shown in me.

Not only is it an honor, but a rare opportunity for service to a great organization and to a greater end. The responsibility, especially at this period of our life, is great, but the rewards, I believe, will justify the most unselfish devotion to duty, and to that I pledge myself. I feel that a great trust has been given me to administer, and I want to assure all of you that I will administer that trust to the best of my ability.

A great and noble work has been accomplished by my predecessor. His unselfishness and devotion to duty have meant much more to Theta Upsilon Omega than perhaps my poor efforts will. His example makes the task before me a huge one, but it is a task which I undertake gladly, and my time, thought, and energy will be devoted to the end that when my term is finished, our fraternity may be more strongly entrenched in the fraternity world and more adequately equipped to render the service for which it was organized.

There still remains a vast amount of work to be done, but the foundations of a great organization have been firmly laid. The inertia of a large body of men, unlimited in its potentialities for good, has been overcome, and Theta Upsilon Omega is well on its way towards the realization of its high ideals.

I believe that our fraternity is now getting beyond the experimental stage, but the possibility that our newly launched craft may be wrecked on the rocks of discord, lack of co-operation and jealousies, none realize more than I do. The efforts of the officers of our organization can not go

far alone. They must have the wholehearted support of every single individual who has assumed or will assume, the relationship of brothers in Theta Upsilon Omega. So I call upon every member of every class to lend his every effort in carrying on the work that has been started.

The important work this coming year will be to knit more closely our chapters into an efficient working unit. By the time this letter is published, Theta Upsilon Omega will consist of twelve chapters, and with the exception of the eight or nine which are located in the East, these chapters are pretty much scattered. With the admission of Beta Beta and Gamma Beta Chapters, Theta Upsilon Omega becomes truly national in its scope. It now influences students from practically every state in the Union. Many of the units of our fraternity have existed many years before affiliating in the greater scheme of Theta Upsilon Omega, and those members have their own traditions, their own aspirations. Our duty now is to so shape our policies and actions that the varied currents of fraternity life will verge into a mighty and powerful stream which will carry us slowly, perhaps, but surely on our way to our goal.

Theta Upsilon Omega no doubt was an experiment, but, so far, the experiment has been successful. We are a group of college students variously located, but working toward a common ideal. We are agents in a vast laboratory—the laboratory where character is formed, where men are being equipped for carrying on the work of the world when they emerge from the college atmosphere adding their small bit to the great onward stride of the greatest country in the world, and the advance of humanity as a whole.

Woodrow Wilson once said that a man should never forget that "a college is a nursery of honor and principle." It is the duty of every brother of Theta Upsilon Omega to carefully nurture the germ existent in every human being, which, if properly tended, will bring forth a splendid fruit of noble service to his brothers and to mankind everywhere.

As in any nursery, much depends upon the actions and thoughts of those who are older and more experi-

enced with life. Upon every man in Theta Upsilon Omega there rests a very real responsibility to the organization itself, to his brothers and to those who will come after him.

A word of welcome to our new chapters. I am particularly happy to say to our new chapters, Beta Beta and Gamma Beta a very warm word of welcome into our midst. You occupy a unique position. You are the first *admitted* chapters of our organization and you are coming in at a time when you will be able to be of unlimited service for the further development of Theta Upsilon Omega. We feel a peculiar pleasure in admitting you to membership, a relationship that implies a mutual obligation. We are confident the obligation on your part will be met, and we assure you that, on our part, we will do our best to merit your full confidence, and make you feel one of us.

I would like to have every member feel privileged to address me on any subject at any time. It is only by keeping in constant touch one with the other, that we can come to know each other better and thus consolidate ourselves into a greater unit for service.

Sincerely and fraternally,
(Signed) James E. Stevens

"QUO VADIS?"

By Elmer Louis Kayser, Eta Alpha
Secretary, George Washington University

Where are you going? The question is always a challenge. It may challenge your judgment, your knowledge, your integrity, or your plain common sense. It implies means as well as end, method as well as destination, and the latter is as important as the former.

The man on the campus disparagingly describes a classmate: "A fellow who don't know what it's all about." He doesn't know where he is going. The fact that we are college men implies that we have an end in view, and that in the college, we seek the means. Not only have we selected one method, but we have selected a conservative method. As fraternity men, we indicate a further specification of means.

One would be justified in going to college to acquire culture solely, but he would be utilizing only a fraction of his opportunity. A college is not primarily a place where men study; it is a place where men live. A college career does not prepare for life; it is life. "When I get out into life, I'll buckle down," is heard. The idea is popular but still fallacious. Life does not submit to arbitrary subdivisions; it is a unit. Today is today because there was a yesterday and there will be a tomorrow. Tomorrow the stage may be larger, the audience more numerous, the play more tragic, but the actor is the same. His today rests on his yesterday, and his tomorrow will be what his today makes it. "Quo vadis?"

Along two roads we must all wend our way. Along one, to satisfy the inexorable economic law, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Along the other, to satisfy the craving of the spirit: "and man became a living soul."

Live not to earn; earn to live, and in the earning seek not to exclude the spirit. All of the world's jobs are filled; most of the world's callings are still open. With

discernment, seek yours, that by the sweat of the brow may come the daily bread, but not that alone. Mere daily bread is not ample for a free man's services. Daily bread and daily growth are. Do the world's work and in doing it, grow. Grow in the joy of creating, of serving, of accomplishment. The world has not yet failed to reward those who honestly do its work. And if the world were bankrupt, the joy of doing would be worth the striving.

To meet daily exigencies by daily expediencies, to borrow a happy term from Macaulay, will not do. Construct a science of earning through service, and by that touchstone, test and determine the acts of vocation. Accomplish largely. Real men know no boundaries; they fight on an ever extending frontier.

But that other road must be traveled. The least we can require of our vocation is that it feed us and clothe us. The least we must demand of our avocations is that they make us.

In college days we are traveling both roads. We must thus travel until, when the long day is done, we may leave that one road, and still traversing the other road the spirit has known, find, somewhere, repose in the knowledge that the long road is now open and the way ever free.

Myself is my only stock in trade. That is all I shall ever have, but I can make that worth what I will, to myself, to my fellows, and to my age.

We are social creatures. Our college and our fraternity are social institutions. Stephen Leacock once said: "If I were founding a university, and I say it with all the seriousness of which I am capable, I would found first a smoking room; then when I had a little more money in hand, I would found a dormitory; then after that, or more properly with that, a decent reading room and a library. After that, if I still had some money over that I couldn't use, I would hire a professor and get some textbooks."

In our fraternity house, we "live together, eat together, smoke and talk together." Properly conceived

and conducted, they are important instrumentalities in the educative process. No man is educated by merely absorbing lectures and devouring books. It is as he has developed himself through contact with his fellows, and then applied the knowledge offered him, that he becomes truly educated.

College faculties can of themselves formulate courses and state educational requirements, but without the man's own help, they cannot educate him.

We may learn to read, but until we read with eyes not only of body but of soul and mind we are sadly illiterate. We may write, but until we write on something less perishable than paper, stone, or bronze, less eradicable than ink or graven letters, we still are unlettered and mute. We may know how to calculate, but until we count in spiritual qualities as well as physical quantities we are totally inaccurate.

Living together, working together, learning together, let us study to develop ourselves, doing for the common weal, and bearing the common woe. In college, making the grade, making friends, making a character, utilize the present world to the fullest, grow to the greatest proportions. Other worlds will open as long as you grow. "Ne plus ultra" need never to be written on a closed door before you.

Where are you going? You are going along that road of service, which brings a livelihood because it fills a human need. You are going to perfect yourself for that service. Training, mental, spiritual, and physical, certainty in aim, and devotion in service, will bring the reward.

You will travel that other road also. With face ever toward the light, you will seek to live nobly, to fill in life's crannies with the worthwhile, to know your fellows, to emulate the best, to correct the worst. You will still be on this road when you have left the other. Do you seek to achieve? Would you reform your age? If so, keep going along the road of the spirit and in the attainment of the free man, you will have realized the ultimate.

A PLAN FOR ACQUIRING A FRATERNITY HOUSE

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Fraternity chapters, like individuals, look forward to the eventful day when they will own their home unencumbered. Such desires on the part of individuals are among the great forces that cause the human race to progress. As men approach maturity and arrive at that point in life when they are just leaving, as it were, the playful days of youth and beginning to take up life's responsibilities, much doubt and uncertainty seem to lurk in their path. At this age they want to accept the responsibilities of life, yet doubt their own ability. Consequently they hold back, then spasmodically go forward, and so on until a few small endeavors meet with success, and then from that point on it is usually smooth sailing. One of the greatest desires for one assuming the responsibilities of life is to have his own home. At this transition age, when the youth thinks of all the ups and downs between him and the acquisition of his own domain, he is very apt to wish that he had some rich relative who would conveniently pass off and leave him the where-with-all to attain his heart's desire.

I fear that too often the same sort of spirit invades youths even in fraternity chapters. In their keen desire for a home they usually wish that they might acquire some wealthy man, or group of men, who would dig deep and give them a home outright, thereby relieving them of the uncertainty as to their ability to acquire one. Such thinking is wrong; in the first place it so rarely happens, and in the second place it would not make for progress if it did. Doubting individuals thus relieved of responsibility might get into the habit of expecting others to overcome for them the difficulties which are constantly intruding themselves in every one's life. It would be wrong also because individuals never

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appreciate those things for which they make no sacrifice, as they do those which come from the ingenuity of their minds and labors.

Personally I am opposed to any plan of building or acquiring a fraternity house which looks to the alumni for a gift. In the first place, all the alumni will not give, and those who do not will naturally feel that since they did not contribute they have no further right to partake of any of the pleasures of that house. Therefore, a great number of the alumni are automatically estranged. Secondly, such a plan tends to pauperize not only the present generation, but also subsequent ones, by giving them cheap living and lifting responsibility from the shoulders of the student or of his parents. The slogan at rushing season is too apt to be "Join our fraternity; have free room rent and spend the money you save for pleasure." Finally, such a plan taxes this generation for one that is to come, which might be considerably more able to foot the bill.

The scheme which I have evolved for acquiring a chapter house for Kappa I believe obviates every one of these objections. The plan is quite simple and I will roughly outline it. A few of us organized a company, known as the Medical Fraternity Company, and applied for a capitalization of $35,000. We have 350 shares of preferred stock, which is worth $100 a share and pays its owner 6% interest annually; in addition there are 700 shares of common stock of no par value. This company has a board of directors from our alumni and a regular set of officers. The treasurer is bonded in the usual way for $10,000. The treasurer has an assistant who is a bookkeeper, and she keeps a regular set of books and sends out all statements in collecting the money due on the notes. We pay her a salary of $100 per year.

The alumni are solicited and sold this preferred stock, and with each share they get one share of no par common stock. Our plan is to sell the entire $35,000 of preferred stock to our alumni, if possible, or as much as we

can. If we succeed in selling it all, as we believe we can, and we are able to buy a house for that amount, obviously the only lien against the house will be this preferred stock in the hands of our alumni. If it is necessary to borrow to acquire the house, then this preferred stock will take the position of a second mortgage against the house. So far no alumnus who has been canvassed has turned us down. They have taken from one to ten shares each.

If it is necessary to place a loan, obviously this will have to be paid off before we can commence paying back our alumni. If they take it all and we can finance a house without a loan, then we shall immediately start to retire the preferred stock from the earnings of the house. The alumni will keep their common stock after the preferred is returned, yet it has no value other than to confer voting privileges, unless the chapter should happen to go defunct, in which case it would have a value if the assets of the fraternity were great enough, after the settlement of other claims, which, as you will see, take precedence.

Almost every chapter in every fraternity requires a man to sign a note on graduation for $100 or such a matter, and it is common knowledge that few of them ever honor said note by paying it. Our plan works out somewhat differently. We have as a part of our organization set up a trust fund and into this trust goes a sum collected monthly from each man in the active chapter which will equal $100 at the end of four years, or something over $2.00 per month. At the end of his four years he gets a share of common stock. If he does not graduate he loses what he put in. It is clear then that, at such time as the preferred stock is all paid for, this common stock issued to students who have paid in their $100 via the trust fund will be the only outstanding lien against the property. They in turn will exact their payment, on the same basis as the present alumni are planning to do, from the next generation of men who make use of the house, and so on.

The preferred stockholders have as a guaranty that they will get their money back: (1) a first lien against the property; (2) a trust fund yielding $1000 a year if the fraternity is averagely successful; (3) the profit accruing from the rent of the property to 25 or 30 men; (4) the advantage of a high class of renters with steady occupancy; (5) and finally the natural increase in the value of the property.

From the estimating which I have done on this subject, I feel sure that, if the fraternity is averagely successful and if its resources are carefully guarded, it should, providing we sell this entire issue of stock, have at the end of 25 years resources of near $75,000. The trust fund mounts very rapidly, when one stops to think of it. We have 150 alumni, and if each of them had put $100 into a trust fund at 6% during his four years at college, we should now have a fund of near $30,000. Now, add to that the profit from the rent during that number of years and the increase in the value of the property, and you can readily see how the assets would go up.

It is important to have this stock non-transferable except to Phi Rhos, so that it will not get into the hands of sharks who might undertake to liquidate the assets if they reached sufficiently inviting proportions. Also this stock must represent a just claim against an individual's estate, and should be and would be paid as if he were alive.

Our plan of selling this stock is largely by interesting one alumnus and having him interest someone else. Each purchaser signs a note which is an obligatory one. There is no friendship about this sale. It is a just claim against the man when he signs it, and we expect and require that he pay it. We sell it on the installment basis, requiring an alumnus to pay no more than $20 a month no matter how much he takes. Interest does not begin until the stock is all paid for. If we are not earning money from renting our property, the interest will be

paid from the interest which is accumulating on the money while it is being collected. The cost of setting up this organization need not be more than $400. Nothing is paid to those who sell the stock and the officers collect no salaries, but an attorney's services are almost necessary to get this type of organization set up.

This plan, to my mind, has three outstanding features which should make their appeal to every chapter in Phi Rho Sigma:

1. You ask no contribution from any one; you are standing squarely on your own legs.

2. You will by this plan the better weld your alumni to their chapter, for if your experience is the same as ours a very much higher percentage of them will subscribe for this stock than would give you the money outright, and the amount of stock they will take will be greater than any contribution they would make. The chapter's greatest asset is the personal interest of its alumni. This plan will attract them, for it shows that you are not asking for a hand-out but mean to help yourselves.

3. The last, but not the least, of the merits of this plan is that you shift the debt from one generation to another, so that your home is never paid for, yet your assets continually mount. You are by this plan taxing the generations dollar for dollar the same and lifting the burden from one to another, with the result that you are not making it too easy for a future generation which may be more able to stand it than you yourselves.

Finally, let me emphasize the point again that men usually do not want something without making an effort for it. They want to fight their own way and keep the entire reward. This plan should make a fraternity house possible for every chapter. If they are so young that they haven't enough alumni to make such an undertaking feasible, they should negotiate with some bank, set up a trust fund and accumulate a hundred dollars

from each man during his four years. Set that aside to grow and then at some future time start the ball rolling and you will have acquired a nice little sum to begin action with. Don't expect a man to give you a hundred dollars after he leaves, for then he can't part with it. But while he is in school, while he is reaping the reward of the chapter and his interest is keen, he can set aside through the properly constituted officers a small sum to be put on interest monthly in a trust fund, looking toward the purchasing of a home much as the thrifty home-loving wife does it.

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selves neither to give nor receive aid in any written work, such as tests, examinations, daily quizzes, and semester papers. All violators are penalized by the Student Senate according to the seriousness of the violation. Proud may we be to say that very few cases of cheating are ever seen and reported to the Senate.

Miami has on her campus a very fine group of Greek letter organizations among both men and women, there being twelve fraternities and fifteen sororities. During the period before the Civil War, three of the largest, most prosperous, and most widely extended of secret brotherhoods of college men were formed. These three fraternities, Beta Theta Phi (1839), Phi Delta Theta (1848), and Sigma Chi (1855), are familiarly known as the Miami Triad. Later, (1906) another widely known fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau, was founded here at Miami. The fraternities are bound together by the Pan-Hellenic Council, and are on very friendly terms with each other, although friendly rivalry reaches a very high pitch in the various activities, especially in intramural athletic contests.

Miami, through its hundred years of steady growth, has attained the position as one of the leading educational institutions of Ohio and of the Middle West.

Editorials

The New Crew

The Omegan has passed through the ordeal of reorganization of its editorial and business staffs and this issue is the result of the first efforts of the new crew. The Arch Editor has appointed Brother Leo W. Geisler, Gamma Alpha, as business manager and Brothers J. F. W. Howell, Zeta Alpha, and Lyle W. Ohlander, Eta Alpha, as his associate editors. Brother Geisler has selected Robert Steeneck, Gamma Alpha, as circulation manager.

There will be no radical changes made in the policies of the Omegan this year. The plan of publishing the history of a charter chapter in each issue will be continued with the modification that their publication will be deferred for two issues to allow for the introduction of our newly elected member chapters. The Beta Beta chapter is introduced with this issue and the next number will be dedicated to the Gamma Beta chapter.

Brother Howell, 1844 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is in charge of chapter news and all such material for the next issue must be in his hands by April 15.

The editor wishes to thank all those who, by their contributions and assistance, have helped to make this issue a success.

The Second Annual Convocation

For the good of the fraternity it behooves those of us who were fortunate to be in attendance at the Second Annual Convocation at Philadelphia on January 2 and 3 to convey our impressions to those who were not there. Those who attended will certainly agree that it was one of the pleasant experiences of their lives. Conventions of all sorts are so often endured rather than enjoyed. The sessions of this convocation, however, though crammed with important business transactions, were both pleasant and inspirational.

The future annals of Theta Upsilon Omega will relate the inestimable value of the Second Convocation in shaping its policies and establishing its prestige. From Philadelphia will emanate an influence profound in the future activities of Theta Upsilon Omega. It is not presumptuous on the part of those of us who were there, to expect in the years to come, a respect and regard, increasing as memory lengthens, for the things done and for the men who did them at Philadelphia. It was a convocation modest in numbers, orderly in its procedure, deliberate in its discussion, exhaustive in detail, and dignified throughout. It is hard to conceive, after sober reflection, that any part could have been improved.

The convocation each year strengthens immeasurably the bond of brotherhood between the members of the various chapters. At each assembly of representatives, there results a greater feeling of oneness and a deeper consciousness of common ideals and common sympathies. This feeling of unity which is so manifest during convocations should be fostered throughout the entire year by the local bodies. When isolated in a distant chapter, it may sometimes be difficult to experience the feeling of common brotherhood of which one should always be conscious. This feeling can be fostered by a consciousness of common ideals and traditions, and an active interest in common fraternity songs and literature.

A national fraternity is always interested in expansion. Its aim is not only to develop the men who happen to be its members at the time of its organization, but also to extend its privileges to others. There is always a desire to widen its fellowship and broaden its influence. This year our fraternity has opened its doors to two local bodies. The Omegan welcomes the brothers of these new bodies into our organization.

The election of officers at the Convocation banquet was a point of great interest. Fortunately, many of last

year's officers consented to their re-election and only a few vacancies had to be filled by new men. A discussion of these will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Let the final admonitions of the Convocation be remembered—to adhere to our traditions, maintain our standards, and cherish the noble sentiments and select the highest type of manhood for our future membership, that the future of Theta Upsilon Omega may be assured. In the meanwhile, until the next convocation, let us not forget to tell the story of the Philadelphia Convocation.

Alumni Influence

Dr. Charles Russ Richards, president of Lehigh University, in speaking at the recent annual dinner of the New York Association of Western Conference Universities, created a big stir among those present and the collegiate world at large by his poignant remarks on the influence of graduates of American universities. The following were some of his most pointed remarks:

"Very largely through alumni intercollegiate athletics have been so prostituted as to render them positively undesirable in their effects upon the general character and code of ethics of college students.

"When, in order to secure winning teams, our athletics are subsidized by one device or another, and the spirit of graft and hypocrisy is thus openly encouraged, the college boy is led to believe that anything is right if you can get by with it. Men thus educated will be more dangerous to society than the uneducated grafter or crook.

"Again the alumni constitute one of the most serious menaces to the development and maintenance of proper moral standards among students.

"Many college students today seem inclined to go to greater excesses in the use of intoxicating liquors than in the past. College officers are doing everything in their power to create a proper restraint against these evils, but their task is rendered vastly more difficult when alumni of a fraternity carry liquor into the fraternity house and when it seems necessary that every alumni dinner be sufficiently wet to supply the stimulus for what is regarded as a hilarious time."

Dr. Richards has fallen into the same error that has ensnared many great men in the past. He plunged into a ruthless generalization, where no doubt, his experience was more or less personal, or at best, local. The fact that he could utter such scathing remarks is proof enough of the above statement. Dr. Richards' speech indicates the wrath of an outraged gentleman, who without a thought for the innocent that he marks, dashes headlong on a career of general destruction and damnation.

The seriousness of the matter is summed up in the fact that his address found its way into the public press. Here the layman lays hold on the weapons presented and uses them against each and every college man with whom he comes into contact. In the eyes of this vast majority, we are held to be nothing better than an army of bribers and bootleggers.

The fraternity house is pictured as a den of iniquity, where young college students assemble, and with the alumnus as a spur, drink themselves into a state of unconsciousness. The falsity of such a condition is too evident to the average fraternity alumnus to require a denial, but the parents of the active members and prospective members must be satisfied. It is our hope that the statements of Dr. Richards will not have sufficient weight to unseat the testimonials of good that have been presented in favor of the normal college fraternity. There is nothing more pointed that we could offer in this connection than to suggest that the Chapters hold a series of "Fathers' Nights," at which the parents will have opportunities of making personal observations of the conditions as they actually exist. Perhaps such get-togethers would help to create an atmosphere where statements, such as those of Dr. Richards, would leave nothing but a sour taste in the mouths of readers conversant with the facts.

In order to vindicate completely our fraternities, we must free our colleges from the besmirching slurs that have been cast upon them. Of course, we all understand

that there are a few cases where Dr. Richards' observations are entirely in order, and we are anxious to go on record as giving our hearty approval where the accusations are justly made. It is our purpose to point out the error of profuse generalization, and the havoc that can be wrought by presenting such generalized thoughts to the public.

College athletics have come to play a very important part in the world of sport. The general public has shown a decided interest in many of our college teams. This interest has been fostered by the sportsmanship that enters into the competition. The idea, that the men on the field receive nothing more than glory for the mighty effort they put forth, has placed college athletics on a plane of idealism in the eyes of the fan so used to professional performances. Dr. Richards now steps forward and tries to tear down this ideal and build up in its place a filthy thing that even the professional fan would scorn to look upon. The recent baseball scandal offers an example of what the American public thinks of bribes.

Still, Dr. Richards, a college man himself, is willing to fling the college athlete to the public press, there to be torn to pieces by those masters of slander. It is a sad example to offer the people. How will they view college deans who openly denounce their own institutions? How will they view the colleges themselves? If everybody took Dr. Richards' statements at their face value, he and every other college dean would soon be experimenting in other fields of employment. Then too, this misinformed population would be bound to expect evidences of dishonor in every phase of the college man's activity. Where evil is expected, the imagination is sure to create the monster.

Let us appeal to the public by encouraging their attendance at our games. Let them see for themselves the truth of the situation. After viewing a hard fought gridiron battle, let any man dare, if he will, to say that

anything but honor spurred on the players. What professional would battle with every ounce of his strength for victory, only to lose it rather than commit a foul? If our college athlete is paid, why does he fight to the last drop in the face of overwhelming defeat? The fair thinking man can only truly remark that nothing, but a supreme spirit of honor, could raise mere man to such heights of fairness and achievement. In addition, many of our colleges require that a high standard of scholastic efficiency be maintained before a man may compete with his team. The average professional athlete would find this task extremely difficult.

Dr. Richards has wrought unwisely. May our efforts here help to correct any erroneous impressions that his farflung and rather careless accusations may have registered upon the minds of our readers.

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ing themselves with the ideals and standards of Theta Upsilon Omega. Upon the return of these representatives, their report was favorably accepted by the chapter. The chapter immediately proceeded to secure the consent of its alumni to petition Theta Upsilon Omega, and later, with the consent of the alumni, the petition was sent in. The chapter was visited by a representative of that fraternity in December. The petition of Phi Sigma Phi was accepted by the Arch Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega at their annual convocation held in Philadelphia, January 2-3, 1925, and was granted a charter as Beta Beta Chapter of that organization.

Although Phi Sigma Phi is now departed, we are looking forward eagerly to the continuing of our development as Beta Beta Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega to the realization of our dreams for our dearly beloved Phi Sigma Phi, and we earnestly hope that the Fraternity may be as proud of its Beta Beta Chapter as that chapter is of its chosen fraternity.

In Memoriam

Edmund B. Mullan

E. B. Mullan

On January 14, 1924, the members of Gamma Alpha were shocked by the news of the death of Brother Edmund B. Mullan. Brother Mullan succumbed to the ravages of a sickness which he thought he had conquered. Although he had been confined to his home since the summer vacation, Brother Mullan expected to return to Stevens in the fall. His condition grew worse, however, and his return to Stevens was impossible. Reports from his home became favorable and he was said to be on the road to recovery when, without warning, the Great Master called the sick man to him. Brother Mullan was a senior at Stevens Institute and was much beloved by his brothers at Gamma Alpha.

Russell W. Hirst

Brother Russell Walker Hirst was called to his reward on August 10, 1924, having failed to rally from an operation for appendicitis.

Brother Hirst was born June 4th, 1895, in New Bedford, Mass. He entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute from New Bedford High School in 1914.

In the passing of Brother Hirst the Beta Alpha chapter lost one of its most loyal associates and the fraternity its first member to be taken by death. "Russ", as he was affectionately known, was active as a student, having been president of the Worcester Polytechnic Y. M. C. A. and subscription manager of the Tech News. He was on the staff of the college Year

Book, the Aftermath. He was a member of the Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, and Skull Honorary fraternities. Brother Hirst also served as president of the active chapter during the difficult S. A. T. C. year.

Originally a member of the class of 1918, a year's military service which carried him overseas delayed his graduation a year. After receiving his B. S. in Mechanical Engineering, "Russ" was employed by the Buffalo Forge and Foundry Company up to the time of his death, being in charge of the New England territory for the sales department of that company with offices at Boston.

Shortly after graduation Brother Hirst toured England where he married Miss Elizabeth Woodruff, who, together with two children survive him.

Philip C. Mirick

On February 27, 1925, Brother Philip C. Mirick, Beta Alpha '19, passed into the Great Beyond. He was well known in Beta Alpha for his services as one time treasurer and president of the fraternity while it was still a local. Brother Mirick was also, at one time, a member of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Rifle Team.

Soon after receiving his B. S. in Mechanical Engineering in June 1919, Brother Mirick entered the service and spent much time in France, part of the time being at the front under fire. After leaving the service, he was employed in Worcester by several different firms. At the time of his death he was with the Carborundum Company at Niagara Falls, where he was interested in maintenance work.

Although Brother Mirick had not been in the best of health after returning from France, his condition was not considered serious. He died very suddenly while preparing to go to work as usual one morning. A large delegation from Beta Alpha attended the funeral services and burial in Princeton, New Jersey, where Brother Mirick was born on August 20, 1894.

Edward deRonde

For the first time in her history, Zeta Alpha chapter is in mourning, for on February 1, 1925, just as the second college semester dawned, Edward deRonde, president of the pledge group, passed away after an illness of four days. His death, due to pneumonia, came calmly on a bright Sunday morning.

"Eddie" we called him, and Eddie he was to all who knew him, a smiling, cheerful, good-natured boy whose past was clean and whose future seemed to hold bright promises. For Eddie was just like that. You felt that he was destined to lead the way for others. You were confident, when you placed your trust in him, that he would do his best.

He enrolled in Bucknell University in the class of 1928 and registered for the mechanical engineering course. Shortly afterwards, on the 28th of September, he celebrated his nineteenth birthday. Almost from his first day in college, Eddie became a favorite among the boys at the house. Among his classmates, too, he readily gained many friends. Early in October, the pledge group unanimously elected him president of their body. But he was very modest, and at first would not consent to fill the presidency. At length, only the persuasion of the pledges caused him to accept the position. In conversation, he seldom spoke about himself for he had a rare generosity of nature that made him unassuming. Sympathy for others and their troubles, and forgetfulness of self made him welcome everywhere.

Basketball was Eddie's best-liked sport and he played it with no mean ability. Of a tall, slender physique, quick and agile in movement, his fine qualities as a player were soon evident to the chapter as they watched him in practice. His previous experience in the sport well qualified him to represent Zeta Alpha as a guard on its team.

Then, when the Interfraternity games started in January, he filled the position of left guard on Zeta Alpha's quintet and played in every contest. Few who saw him play his last game will ever forget his grit. That game was at Shamokin, Pa., on January 24. It was a "nip and tuck" contest throughout and Eddie featured consistently and spectacularly in the defensive formations, never seeming to tire and always full of fight. "He was a wonderful defensive player," said his captain, Brother Henry F. Bradley, in paying tribute to his skill.

In his last few days, while he was lying in bed suffering from the weakening effects of a fever of 104 degrees, he showed the same fighting spirit. To his fraternity brothers, one of whom was with him in constant attendance, he always spoke cheerfully. He made light of his illness and replied, when questioned concerning his condition, "Oh, I'm all right." He seemed to feel that it would cause others to worry if he complained. And so he died, fighting gamely.

As a last farewell, Zeta Alpha chapter escorted his body to the station the day after his death. In tribute to his memory and with sympathy for his bereaved parents who were present, every man in the chapter stood hatless and with bowed head while the train departed. With his parents went three of the brothers, Master William G. Thomas, Brother Henry F. Bradley, and Pledge-brother J. Robert Vastine, who attended the funeral held in Madison, N. J., on February 4. In the chapter house, on the same date, a short ceremony was held in memoriam.

The chapter has purchased a sister pin, set with a ruby center, for Mrs. Maynard deRonde. She, the mother, suffers the greater loss, much as Zeta Alpha mourns the passing of her son. Though the brothers wear a black ribbon under their pins and though all social functions have been postponed, these are but outward indications of that deeper grief that time alone can soften.

Chapter News

BETA ALPHA

On Tuesday evening, November 25, a number of associates gathered at the house to help the actives dispose of the turkey. A few of the associates were given the honor of carving, since it had been decided that in order to have a real Thanksgiving dinner, the turks must be demobilized at the tables. The general verdict was that our steward, "Father" Englund, did his duty in first class style.

On December 22 the house held its annual Christmas banquet and party, at which many associates were present. The evening was spent in undressing the tree, loaded with "razzes", card playing and general jollification.

On February 23, Beta Alpha is planning to hold its annual convocation. This date will make it possible for the associates to return for the affair. During the afternoon of that date the annual banquet will be held. On Saturday evening, February 21, a sleigh ride or a bus ride (depending on the amount of snow) will be staged to some town outside the city, where a dance will be held. Judging from answers to invitations sent out, a large number of associates are expected on this week-end party.

The present officers of Beta Alpha are:

Master, R. C. Jordan
Marshall, A. E. Englund
Scribe, H. A. Baines
Recorder, R. E. Johnson
Herald, R. M. Browning
Chaplain, H. E. Stratton
Steward, C. B. Hardy
Junior Steward, L. W. Lewis
Accountant, P. M. Lowell

"Newt" Loud was awarded his letter in soccer at the last athletic council meeting. He is also a member of the Inter-Fraternity Council and is manager of the Mandolin Club and the orchestra.

"Bob" Jordan is manager of the baseball team for the coming season, assistant advertising manager of the Aftermath, treasurer of the student branch of the A. S. M. E., and is a prominent member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

During the past season of football, "Len" Sanborn was captain of one of the best teams that has ever represented Worcester "Poly." "Len" is vice-president of the Senior Class, president of the Y. M. C. A., and captain of the second basketball team.

"Dick" Dickinson is secretary of the Masque Dramatic Club, with Brothers Englund, Haley, Hall, Morrison, and Browning included among the members.

"Ted" Lewis is secretary of the Athletic Council and also received his second letter football. "Ted" was captain of the second team this year, and at present he is out for assistant managership of basketball.

"Cy" Hardy is a member of the Junior Prom Committee and is also vice-president of the student branch of the A. S. C. E.

"Emma" Wiggin was a member of the Half-Way-Through Junior Banquet Committee and the Glee Club. "Harry" Baines is also a member of the Glee Club.

"Brownie" Browning is a member of the Tech News Association and has been appointed assistant manager of football.

"Red" Morrison is a member of the Wireless Club and the Dramatic Club.

"Sammy" Hall is subscription manager of the "Tech News", vice-president of the Wireless Club, chairman of

the Rope-Pull Committee, and a member of the Dramatic Club.

"Stubby" Haley is secretary of the Tech News, and a member of the Dramatic Club.

"Benny" Englund is manager of the tennis team for the coming season.

On October 18, 1924, Brother Robert C. Jordan announced his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Havens of Princeton, Massachusetts, and on February 10, 1925, Brother Albert E. Englund announced his engagement to Miss May Thurston of Hartford, Connecticut. Bring on the cigars!

GAMMA ALPHA

On Saturday night, January 10, Gamma Alpha held a house party following the Lafayette game. All the other fraternities on the campus were invited. The rooms were decorated with streamers of the fraternity colors, midnight blue and gold, and presented a pleasing appearance. The orchestra began playing about eleven o'clock and by twelve, a merry gathering of over seventy couples filled the house. Arch Ritualist Brother Weston and Mrs. Weston were present. The dancing continued until three. We were congratulated by the men of the other fraternities on the success of the party.

The annual banquet was held January 26, at the Hotel Astor. Since this date also marked the close of the mid-year examinations there was due cause for celebration. A large number were present. After the dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the program consisted of speeches and reports, with Brother Spencer as toastmaster. Brother Wierk reported the recent convocation at Philadelphia. This report was followed by an interesting address by Arch Ritualist Brother Weston and a talk by Professor Hazeltine, who was the guest of the evening. After a short talk by Brother

Westcott, the banquet was brought to a close by the singing of the Stevens Alma Mater.

Gamma Alpha will play a prominent part in the production of the annual Varsity Show to be held April 13th. Brother Geisler is production manager, and the duties of this office together with his work in connection with the "Omegan" make him a busy man. Brother Lewis is program manager and will be aided in this work by Brother Hourigan, who is assistant program manager. Brothers Hall and Ludwig will fill the offices of lighting manager and cast manager, respectively. Other brothers not yet chosen will assist Brother Hall with his work. The success of this event, therefore, depends largely on the men of our chapter and all are working to make this year's show the best ever produced at Stevens.

Brother Lewis still holds the record at "Stute" for arriving late to class and getting away with it.

Brother Ludwig, an impromptu member of the Senior Tonsorial Committee, is threatened with reprimand by Prexy for performing his duties upon a classmate.

Two of the brothers came in the other night with a souvenir from the Hoboken Police Department—an eighteen inch piece of locust, commonly called a night stick.

DELTA ALPHA

Perhaps the greatest step that Delta Alpha has ever made to bring about co-operation between the alumni and actives was inaugurated at the Alumni Executive Meeting on January 10, 1925. Following suggestions brought forth at this meeting, arrangements are now being made to inaugurate this spring the first annual grand get-together or homecoming.

The purpose of the gathering will be to bring everyone back to enjoy one big week-end at the house where initiations will be completed and a joint alumni and active meeting will be held.

Since no university events are scheduled for the week of May 2, that date has been proposed. With no outside events to detract from the business on hand, the occasion should be a real success.

According to campus regulations, each fraternity here is allowed two dances per semester. At Delta Alpha our first event of the year was marked by its uniqueness. It was reported in the Oak Leaves, the Chapter publication as follows:

"Traffic at Green and Second Streets was blockaded for twenty minutes at 8:45 o'clock on the night of the first dance at Delta Alpha when the Champaign Police Patrol unloaded twenty-six women, prisoners of Delta Alpha brethren, into the T. U. O. jail.

"The timid women, fearful of recognition, covered their faces and made a dash from the blue wagon through the iron barred door erected at the entrance, into the presence of the Chief Magistrate, Professor Thomas E. Oliver. The venerable bearded judge then did his stuff, despite the rouged cheeks and pouting painted lips that pleaded for mercy.

"Later in the evening these same women tore down what decorations ornamented the jail walls, and about twelve o'clock, snake-danced through the building in what was believed to be an effort to arouse in them enough courage to escape. At the stroke of twelve upon the grunted signal of a saxaphone, the prisoners made a concerted dance for the upper offices of the court house, grabbed their jewelry and beauty applications, which earlier in the evening had been taken from them, and in mass formation fought their way to the street."

On the evening of Thursday, January 23, a Bowery Dinner was held at the usual supper hour. Clothed as roustabouts, laborers, cowboys and Indians, the brothers assembled in the dining room, which was feebly lighted with candles. The fare was simple and the accommodations simpler, since only boards, benches, and boxes were furnished, on which to sit and eat. In the pale light,

the pledges provided entertainment that cinched the evening as a real event, long to be remembered. The excitement came to an end as pretzels and cider were served.

Professor Thomas E. Oliver, faculty member of Delta Alpha, played the leading role when "Grumpy" was enacted by the Faculty Players Club on January 23, 1925. Professor Oliver is also the editor of an edition of Voltaire's "Merope" fresh from the press of the Century Company.

Brother Clarence E. Mason has recently announced his engagement to Miss Mabel Comp.

Brother Louis F. Slimmer, '25, one of "Red" Grange's teammates, was recently married to Miss Nina Byer.

EPSILON ALPHA

Epsilon Alpha held its first social function of the season when a formal dance was given on November 23, 1924, at New Century Club of Philadelphia. Many of our Bucknell brothers attended the dance and spent the night at our home in order to see the Bucknell-Rutgers football game, which was played the following day on Franklin Field.

A smoker in honor of the Temple Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity was held at the Epsilon Alpha home on Thursday evening, February 12, 1925. Smokes, eats, and talks were provided. This smoker was a return of a similar courtesy extended to Epsilon Alpha by Delta Sigma Pi.

The boys are now looking forward with enthusiasm to the Annual Dinner Dance which is scheduled for the thirteenth of March at the Hotel McAllister. Preparations are under way to make this the banner event of the season at Epsilon Alpha. Brothers Rittenhouse, Kaestner, and Thomas make up the committee in charge of the arrangements.

Brothers Charles A. Rittenhouse, Robert Winch, A. Foster Williamson, and Thomas MacFarland all warble "sweetly" with the Temple Glee Club.

Brothers Robert Winch, David E. Wilson, Paul C. Kaestner, Thomas MacFarland and Neal B. Bowman are members of the Owl Honorary Society.

Brother Neal B. Bowman, '25, is advertising manager of the Temple Weekly. He is also instructor of advertising at Temple.

Brother Thomas F. MacFarland, Jr., '25, is president of the Student Council.

Brother A. Foster Williamson, '25, is secretary of the Senior class in the School of Commerce.

The night force of the Republic Trust Company of Philadelphia is largely made up of T. U. O. men. Brothers Charles R. Mease, '26, John R. Wahl, '26, and Arthur F. Carvolth, '26, are tellers and Brother J. Leroy Vosburg, '27, is settlement clerk.

Brother David E. Wilson, '27, is assistant managing editor of the Temple Weekly. He is also manager of the Varsity basketball team.

Brother Paul C. Kaestner, '25, is president of the Senior class of the School of Commerce. In addition, he is business manager of the Temple annual, the Templar, and secretary of the Student Council.

ZETA ALPHA

Although the main rushing season is past, Zeta Alpha chapter has pledged freshmen during the winter months. It is our opinion that three months of college life usually develop the latent abilities of the freshmen who come to Bucknell. By pledging men in this way, we have been able to secure some very worthy and active students. So it is now, in the case of two additional freshmen we have pledged, Willard W. Van Graafeiland, of Rochester, N. Y., and Melvin C. Shuttlesworth, of Watertown, Pa.

All social activities for the month of February were postponed by the chapter because of the death of Edward deRonde.

The Bucknell band, which numbers several of our brothers on its roll, recently elected an assistant-manager who automatically becomes manager next fall. Brother Clyde G. "Bunny" Learn captured the assistantship in the recent election.

Brother Harry H. Engle, who is manager of the freshman basketball team, recently made the trip to Penn State when the Bucknell yearlings played Penn State's frosh team. Bucknell lost to State, 41—17. We hope our brothers at Iota Alpha chapter won't crow when they read this, at the memory of the trouncing our frosh received.

Brother Eugene E. "Irish" Halleran has been appointed a member of the Junior Prom committee. On the Sophomore Cotillion committee is Brother Howard A. Bull.

The benefit of the training that students receive on The Bucknellian, the college weekly, is well exemplified in the case of Brother Henry T. Rockwell who is on the staff of the Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot. Brother Rockwell, who was graduated from Bucknell last year, while in college was sports editor of The Bucknellian.

Three of our freshmen pledges have made positions on the reportorial staff of the same publication, Pledge-brothers Vincent W. McHail, Emerson A. Thomas, and J. Robert Vastine.

During the Student Volunteer conference of the Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey Union, Brother Raymond G. Daggs served on the conference committee as registrar.

ETA ALPHA

A smoker was held on February 8th, at which we entertained the pledges and had as guests a number of prospective T. U. O.'s. Five men have already been pledged for spring initiation. They are Pledge Brothers Pool, Baggett, Price, Pomeroy and Yates.

The boys are all looking forward with pleasure to the Founders Day Banquet, February 16. 1925. Four years ago this chapter was organized as a local, and this year we will celebrate more than the founding date of the local. We will rejoice in being a charter chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega.

The boys are grabbing the old gloves, and warming up winter bound muscles for the Inter-fraternity Baseball League. While we were nosed out of the championship in basketball, we are coming back strong in baseball. We are going to win, even if it is necessary to pledge Walter Johnson and a few of the Senators.

Brothers Douglas Hartman and Erwin Pohl will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in February. Brother Hartman will then take up the study of law at George Washington University. Erwin is to be congratulated upon having won his degree in two and one-half years, having attended Summer School two sessions during that period.

Brother Youngman, secretary of the local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, has been elected editor of the Razz Berry, a paper containing wise cracks about the faculty and prominent students. It is published once a year by Pi Delta Epsilon. Other members of the Pi Delt's who are also brothers in Theta Upsilon Omega are Ohlander, James and McGrew.

Brother Reed, one of our recent initiates, has been appointed assistant manager of basketball and also assistant business manager of the Hatchet.

THETA ALPHA

Theta Alpha held its annual winter dance on the evening of February 7. Nearly forty couples attended and voted the event a splendid affair. Brothers Green, Whitehead and Hoag were in charge.

We are sorry to say that Theta Alpha slipped into second place when the fraternity scholastic averages were announced for last term, Alpha Gamma Rho taking the lead. However, we lost out only by 1.2 points.

Already the boys are beginning to get spring fever and at times the house is quite hilarious. Plans for the warm evenings of the spring term are being laid and discussions of house parties fill the air.

Brother William Proudman, '27, is the big noise on the New Hampshire Hockey Team. Brother William Moore, '25, also plays on the team. Although this is the first year that New Hampshire has recognized hockey as a major sport, the team is coming along in fine shape, having won four and dropped one to date.

Following their laudable acting in a recent presentation of "Grumpy", Brothers Thomas Pascoe and Ellis Hemingway were elected to the Mask and Dagger, the honorary dramatic society.

Brother Cyrus Pearson '26, Chaplain of Theta Alpha, will soon leave college. As "Cy" is a student, he feels that he can leave college for a while and still graduate with his class. Although at present a Liberal Arts man, "Cy" claims that he is going to be a "gentleman farmer" down on Long Island.

Brother D. A. Pettee '25 is alternate on the New Hampshire relay team.

Brother Ray Corey '26, has recently been elected president of Phi Delta, the debating society.

Theta Alpha has just had an ultra-successful "Rushing Season." It has pledged seventeen men, of which number one is an upper-class man and the remainder freshmen. Everyone is in one or more activity. Five are represented on the band, three on the glee club, two on the football squad and one each in debating, dramatics, track, boxing, tennis, the New Hampshire staff, and a managerial berth.

Theta Alpha recently pledged George Duquenne '27. "Duke" transferred from the University of Pennsylvania to New Hampshire at the beginning of the winter term. He is a tennis player, a member of the glee club, and "knows his stuff" in dramatics.

KAPPA ALPHA

Kappa Alpha staged one of the best house parties in its history over the week-end of February 6. Fifteen couples tripped the light fantastic. More were expected but, as usual, at the last minute some of the fair ones wired their regrets—to our regret. Seven other fraternities on the campus were entertainers that week-end but only one of them boasted more guests than our group.

Until recently, there was a ban on any fraternity at Davidson owning a house. That rule has been somewhat modified, but as yet no fraternity has its own house. We have tentative plans on foot whereby we will have our house next year. The college is limiting the number of occupants to six men. These will, in all probability, be members of the senior class.

The scholastic averages of fraternities at Davidson, which did not arrive in time to be published in the last issue of the Omegan are as follows: Sigma Alpha Epsilon 84:18; Pi Kappa Alpha 84.16; Theta Upsilon Omega 82.06; Beta Theta Pi 80.68; Phi Gamma Delta 80.36; Kappa Alpha 80.22; Kappa Sigma 76.06. The averages of the several local fraternities on the campus were not given out.

The boys of Kappa Alpha are hustling. Including the pledges, who will be initiated within a short time, 24 per cent of the men are in the glee club or band, 43 per cent are working along literary lines, 24 per cent act as assistants to the faculty, 48 per cent are engaged in various forms of athletics, and 100 per cent are out for social attainments.

The Spanish department at Davidson is apparently contained in T. U. O. Professor F. K. Fleagle, head of the Spanish Department is a member of Kappa Alpha chapter. Professor A. V. Goldiere, assistant professor of Spanish, was initiated into T. U. O. recently. Brother Wallace Purdy is president, Brother Paul Causey is vice-president, and Brother Ernest Milton is a member of the Spanish Club.

When the current issue of the Davidson College Magazine comes forth, it will carry with it the work of several members of the Kappa Alpha chapter. Brother Ed O'Connor is poetry editor and has considerable material of his own in the forthcoming issue. Brother Paul Patterson will also be represented with some poetry. Brothers O'Connor and Patterson were given honorable mention in an anthology of college poetry.

Brother Kenneth Harris is doing practically all of the art work for Quips and Cranks, the Davidson College Annual. He has thus far had more than ten of his drawings accepted. The engraver of the printing house that is publishing the Annual wrote to the Editor-in-Chief of the Annual asking who it was that was handling the art work. He said the drawings had the appearance of being the work of a professional artist rather than a college student.

Brother Wallace Purdy was recently elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa having made the honor roll at Davidson for the semester just ended with a scholarship average of 95.23.

Brother Paul Patterson is a tower of strength on the Davidson wrestling team.

During a certain icy day recently, a careful census was made and the prize of a diamond-studded coal shovel was awarded to Brother "Phi Beta" Purdy, as he was the only one in the student body who did not hit the ice during the entire day. (N. B. He was in the infirmary.)

ALUMNI NOTES

J. W. Howe

Brother Jerome W. Howe, Beta Alpha, '09, is Assistant Professor in charge of instruction in Surveying, Masonry and Water Supply, in the Civil Engineering department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Professor Howe was editor of The Wireless in 1923, following his retirement as Major of Cavalry, U. S. Army. His army experience included participation in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916; regimental quartermaster, march out of Mexico, 1917; supervision of fire claims, A. E. F., France, 1919; supply officer, Fort Huachuca, 1920. From 1920 to 1923, he was assistant to the Chief of Cavalry, editor of the Cavalry Journal, and secretary-treasurer, U. S. Cavalry Association.

The first winter party of the Beta Alpha associates was held at the Green Hill Mansion, Worcester, Massachusetts, on the evening of January 17. A chicken-pie dinner was served to a dozen of the brothers, their wives and their guests. After the dinner dancing, interspersed with games, was enjoyed until a late hour.

B. F. Best, Epsilon Alpha, '24, is teaching in the Accounting Department of Temple University.

Len Braun, Delta Alpha, '23, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Memorial Craftsmen of Illinois, the state organization of Memorial Merchants.

George A. Bunyan, Beta Alpha, was married to Miss Helen E. West, 3 Sachem Terrace, Norwich, Connecticut, on October 25, 1924.

Horace Emerson, Beta Alpha, is working with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Helge S. Johnson, Beta Alpha, is now working for the Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, New York. Brother Johnson was president of the Beta Alpha body last year.

Ralph Hamilton, Delta Alpha, '21, is teaching in the Canton, Ohio, High School.

Claude M. Lamb, Beta Alpha, and Miss Matilda Smith of Worcester, Massachusetts, were married on October 18, 1924.

Frank Linsley, Beta Alpha, who has been working for the General Electric Company, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, has returned to Worcester "Poly" to complete his studies.

Harold J. Davidson, Delta Alpha, '21, is now in Tujunga, California, where he is the owner of a racing car that has appeared in several events around Los Angeles.

Carey O'Nan, Epsilon Alpha, '24, has recovered from a recent illness and is now engaged with the firm of Stockwell, Wilson and Linville, Accountants, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

R. A. Packard, Beta Alpha, has returned to the United States. He has been manager of a factory of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, India.

Wayne Parkhurst, Theta Alpha, has announced his engagement to Miss Dorothea Brummette.

William Addison Paisley, Eta Alpha, '24, former attorney for the United States Prohibition Unit, has opened a law office in New York City with a branch office in Washington.

Arch Master James E. Stevens, Eta Alpha, was recently presented with an Arch Master's pin by his brothers at Eta Alpha chapter.

Russell A. Reed was recently married to Miss Ruth Emeline Freeman, Middleton, Connecticut, on October 18, 1924.

Fred K. Howe, Delta Alpha, '23, is now located in Chicago in the engineering department of the Illinois Central Railroad.

COLLEGIATE AND FRATERNAL

The Eighth Annual Dinner of the Interfraternity Association of Chicago was held in the ball room of the Drake Hotel on February 11. Mr. Richard Henry Little, the celebrated columnist of the Chicago Tribune, was again the toastmaster of the highly successful affair.

The program of the evening consisted of talks by Captain Donald B. MacMillan, Henry T. Thomas, George ("G") Huff, and Dean Ernest H. Wilkins. Music was furnished by the Ray Fiske Orchestra and the Northwestern University Band.

T. U. O. was represented by Arch Master Stevens and Brother C. R. Drenk, the latter serving on the reception committee. The officers of the organization are: president, Warren Piper, Sigma Nu; vice-president, Walter Barnes, Pi Kappa Alpha; secretary, William S. Boal, Phi Kappa Psi; and treasurer, Weightstill Woods, Acacia.

In a recent drive to increase the Endowment Fund of Stevens Institute, five automobiles of ancient vintage were resurrected from the museum in the school library. After considerable patching and repairing the ancient five were tuned up, and one day in January the casual New York crowds were astonished to see the five prehistoric chariots cavorting up Fifth Avenue in mad competition. Up past the Public Library they sped with a police escort with an irregular puffing sound suggestive of a motor boat. Nearing the Bronx Armory the Panhard nosed out a 1902 "Lizzie" and was declared the winner. The publicity stunt netted thousands of dollars for the Institute.

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